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DEMAND OF CHROME ORE FOR STEEL INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand of chrome ore for stainless steel and other steel related industries in the country has rapidly increased; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the plan formulated to meet their requirement of raw materials ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS)

(a)&(b): The production and dispatches of chrome ore (chromite) during last five years is as below:

Quantity Million tonnes

Year/Period	Production	Dispatch for Internal Consumption
2002-2003	3.06	1.08
2003-2004	2.90	1.82
2004-2005	3.62	1.90
2005-2006(P)	3.42	1.93
2006-2007(E)	4.10	3.97

Source : Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur.

(P) - Provisional (E) - Estimated

From the above, it is evident that demand of chrome ore has increased suddenly from 1.93 million tonnes (provisional) in 2005-06 to 3.97 million tonnes (estimated) in 2006-07.

Production and distribution of chrome ore to stainless steel or other steel related industries is in the de-regulated sector, therefore, not under Government control. However, there is an export ceiling on chrome ore of 4 lakh tonnes per annum. Export duty of Rs. 2000 per tonne on chrome ore and concentrates has been proposed in Budget 2007-08.